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SUBJ: COMPULSORY STERILIZATION OF ROMAN CATHOLICS

1. CARDINAL LAWRENCE PICACHY, ARCHBISHOP OF CALCUTTA,
TOLD CONOFF THAT HE HAS BEEN ASSURED IN WRITING BY THE
CHIEF MINISTER OF WEST BENGAL, S.S. RAY, THAT NO CATHO-
LIC WILL BE FORCIBLY STERILIZED. THE CHIEF MINISTER
INVITED THE CARDINAL TO PRODUCE CATHOLIC THAT WAS
FORCIBLY STERILIZED, STATING THAT HE WOULD SEE THAT
THE PERSON WHO PERFORMED THE OPERATION WAS PUNISHED
AND THAT THE OFFENDED PARTY WOULD BE RECOMPENSED, AS
MUCH AS WAS HUMANLY POSSIBLE.

2. CARDINAL NOTES THAT THOSE CATHOLICS WHO HAVE BEEN
FORCIBLY STERILIZED ARE TRIBALS WHO WOULD NOT WANT TO
COMPLAIN AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT BUT PICACHY DID ACKNOWL-
LEDGE THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF THE CHIEF MINISTER. HE
THOUGHT THAT THE CHIEF MINISTER'S ORDERS REGARDING NOT
RPT NOT STERILIZING CATHOLICS HAD GOTTEN THROUGH TO
ALL LEVELS OF THE HIGHEST BENGAL BUREAUCRACY.
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